(d) Government will no longer select any promoter as fertilizer industry stands delicensed.

Drugs produced from basic Stages

661. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs which are produced from Basic Stages have been kept under price control inspite of heavy investment;

(b) if so, names of those drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that bulk drugs produced from imported penultimates intermediates, imported formulations and formulations produced from imported bulk drugs are outside price control;

(d) what are the names of such drugs and formulations;

(e) whether it is a fact that this is the main cause of outgo of foreign exchange and for inflation; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to reverse the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There are a number of such drugs included under price control as production from basic stages and heavy investment was not a criteria for exclusion.

(c) and (d) The number of bulk drugs under price control is 143. There are a number of other bulk drugs which are presently outside price control. Use of imported material in manufacture of bulk drug or formulation was not a criteria for inclusion of bulk drug under price control.

(e) and (f) For reducing the outgo of foreign exchange in import of drugs and formulations, indigenous production would need to be strengthened and suitable incentives would have to be given. This is being considered as part of the ongoing review of the Drug policy.

Shortage of bulk drugs and Branded formulations

662. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and branded formulations for which shortages have been reported during 1990-91 and current year;

(b) what was the position about the shortage of these very branded during the last two years;

(c) what was the quantity of PAS and its salts, Thiacetazone Isoniazide Cetramide, Oxytocin, Ibuprofen Dapsone and Flofazimina sold by each of the producer to the non-associated formulators during the last two years and at what price;

(d) whether these drugs were sold directly by the producers or through their agents;

(e) names of the drugs sold through their distributors and agents;

(f) whether there has been shortage of any of these drugs in supply; and

(g) if so, names of those drugs and what steps have been taken to allow the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) & (b) Shortage reports in respect of bulk drugs and branded formulations are received from different State Drug Controllers from time to time and the concerned manufacturers are advised to rush stocks of the branded formulations to the areas of shortage though other brands of equal therapeutic value are usually available. The time and labour involved in compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) to (e) This is not monitored in this Ministry.